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For: Trash Bags With Narrowing Seals	)	
To Facilitate Gripping	)	



**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE**  
**STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 AND 1.98**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dear Sir:

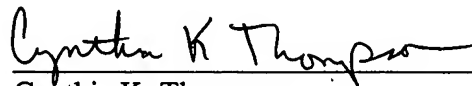
In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered, and the references listed on enclosed Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), copies of the listed references are enclosed.

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This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to receipt of a first Office Action reflecting an examination on the merits and, hence, is believed to be timely in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b). Accordingly, no fee is believed to be due. Should any fee be deemed necessary (except payment of the issue fee), however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 10-0447 (47097-01101USPT). A duplicate copy of this Statement is enclosed for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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